



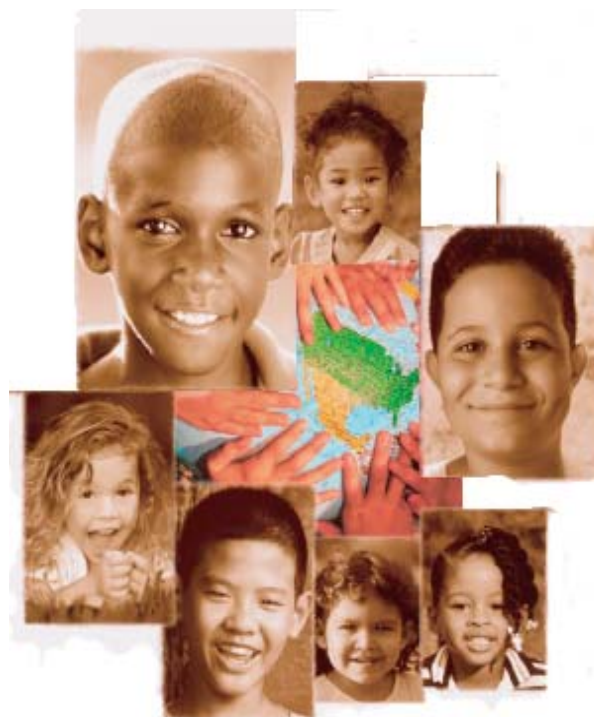
# Call for Presentations

OJJDP

## ***OJJDP Annual DMC Conference: Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact In Juvenile Justice by Making the Right Connections***

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, is pleased to announce the 2007 national DMC conference, Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact in Juvenile Justice by Making the Right Connections, which will be held October 25–27, 2007, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The conference will provide state and local juvenile justice and related policymakers and practitioners, such as juvenile justice specialists, DMC Coordinators, juvenile police officers, detention and probation professionals, family court judges, attorneys, and community-based youth service providers, including child welfare professionals, with a variety of strategies to help them make the right connections in their DMC-reduction efforts. This conference will help participants select effective organizational designs for sustained and focused efforts, explore best practices and promising programs for intervention, and forge productive, collaborative partnerships with families and organizations for DMC-reduction.





## Workshop Presentation Opportunities

OJJDP invites proposals for presentations at this conference. In keeping with the theme of making the right connections, proposals are especially desired for presentations that will discuss DMC-specific topics:

**Connecting with the problem of minority overrepresentation.** This will include presentations of creative strategies designed to convey to professional and/or community-based audiences the need for and social desirability of reducing disproportionate minority contact in the juvenile justice system.

**Connecting with organizational strategies and structures that sustain and facilitate DMC-reduction efforts.** This includes, for example, presentations on smart ways to fund state/local DMC Coordinators, strategies for developing state/local DMC Committees, and effective ways to involve State Advisory Group/local DMC Committee members in DMC-reduction planning.

**Connecting with best practices and promising programs that may reduce DMC.** This includes presentations on new arrest diversion programs, alternatives to secure detention, and the other decision points.

**Connecting with other youth-serving systems that experience racial or ethnic disparity.** This includes presentation of programs that have created and implemented partnerships to involve systems such as education, child welfare, labor, health, mental health, and/or substance abuse treatment systems in reducing racial and ethnic disparity or overrepresentation across systems.

**Connecting with rural solutions to reduce DMC in small communities.** This might include presentation of creative strategies that have overcome challenges involving funding, transportation, access to services, training, and community resistance.

**Connecting with youth in aftercare.** Over the years it has been well demonstrated that minority youth are highly overrepresented at the confinement stage. These youngsters have very high rates of recidivism (re-arrest) upon returning home from residential placement in correctional institutions. Presentations might focus on programs that have reduced DMC by effectively reducing such recidivism.

**Connecting with needs and risk assessments to guide decision-making in the juvenile justice system.** Examples include presentations on the use of assessment instruments to standardize detention admission practices or to make out-of-home placement decisions more objective.

**Connecting with curricula/training programs to increase cultural competency of juvenile justice personnel and organizations and their ability to interact effectively with youth offenders and their families.** This also includes presentations on programs designed to coach youth on appropriate interaction techniques when dealing with law enforcement, probation, and court personnel.

**Connecting with the judiciary to ensure the fair treatment of youth.** This includes presentations on practices that enhance access to counsel and programs designed to overcome cultural impediments to fair treatment (such as language barriers).



## **Guidelines for Submission of Proposals**

Proposals must be submitted by **5:00 p.m., EDT, Friday, July 20, 2007.**

Provide a brief abstract of your proposed presentation/session/workshop of 50 to 100 words, typed, double spaced, including a suggested title.

Provide a 500- to 1,500-word (typed, double-spaced) description of the proposed presentation. Explain the presentation in sufficient detail that a team of reviewers will clearly understand what is being proposed and why it should be included in the conference. Proposals should address questions such as... What problem is addressed by the presentation? What is the solution and how is it relevant to DMC reduction? Does the solution work? What does it cost? How is the solution organized and implemented?

Indicate the amount of time needed for the presentation. Workshops will typically be 90 minutes long, allowing for several presentations. Indicate equipment needs (projector, etc.).

Include a page listing each presenter, with title and agency affiliation, and a brief biographical summary of no more than 200 words. Include complete contact information for each presenter.

## **E-mail, mail, or fax submissions to**

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Presenters will be notified of acceptance of their proposal by August 10, 2007.